



World Vision Singapore has been funding Yaya Gulele ADP since its inception in 2007. Working in tandem with national governmental policies and other agencies for the eradication of poverty and transformational development in Ethiopia, this programme seeks to help families in the target areas achieve livelihood security on a sustainable basis. The programme will continue to run until its goals have been reached, and communities are in a position to maintain and improve the levels of transformational change they have achieved.

#### BRIEF INFORMATION

IMPACT AREA POPULATION  
43,361 people

PROGRAMME LIFESPAN  
2007–2025

#### GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

Yaya Gulele woreda (district) is in the North Shewa Zone of the Oromia state. It has one urban and 17 rural kebeles (neighbourhoods). The topography is diverse, making it possible for a variety of farming. The environment, however, is severely damaged through deforestation, decline in soil fertility, wildlife depletion and climate change.

#### PROGRAMME GOAL

The overall goal is to contribute to the sustained well-being of children, especially the most vulnerable, within families and communities.

# YAYA GULELE ETHIOPIA

## REALITIES

### Economic Poverty

Ethiopia ranked 173 out of 189 countries on the 2017 Human Development Index with about 1 in 4 people live below the poverty line. Majority of the population are farmers engaged in mixed cultivation and livestock rearing. The major crops grown include wheat, beans, maize and barley. The rearing of livestock such as cattle, donkeys, mules, horses and poultry are an additional source of income. Access to energy sources is limited with those in the rural areas depending mainly on firewood for cooking.

### Educational Challenges

While school enrolment has been increasing over the years, more than 50% of children are not functionally literate. Inadequate school facilities, materials and insufficient access to updated teaching methodologies contribute to students reading, writing and numeracy skills not being at par with the required standards. Because of the difficulties in attaining quality education, about 1 in 10 children prefer income generating activities like farming instead of going to school.

### Healthcare Concerns

There is a high level of need in the areas of clean water, nutrition, healthcare and sanitation. A shortage of potable water is the highest ranked priority to address as it leads to water-borne diseases. Challenges to clean water include poor sanitation practices, poor waste disposal and open defecation. In 2018, only 23.3% of households have access to sufficient food year round. Because of crop failure and the inability to have a balanced diet and age appropriate food, mothers and children are malnourished. There is also poor health service provision and a prevalence of communicable and infectious diseases due to poor personal and environmental hygiene.



## KEY CHALLENGES AND WORLD VISION'S KEY INITIATIVES

**CHALLENGE** Shortage of food due to environmental damage and dependence on rain-fed farming



**INITIATIVE** Improve food security status of children

World Vision adopts an integrated approach focusing on agricultural production, environmental rehabilitation and non-farming income like savings groups to improve the food security of vulnerable families. This includes providing training on environmental rehabilitation, facilitating credit access, new agricultural technologies including climate resilient techniques and improving irrigation and inputs.



World Vision assists farmers by providing training and good quality seeds to increase agricultural production.

**CHALLENGE** Poor school facilities and lack of awareness about the importance of education



**INITIATIVE** Improve access and quality of education for boys and girls

By constructing schools, equipping them with necessary school furniture and providing training to academic and leadership staff, the quality of education has improved. To facilitate access to education, school kits and uniforms are supplied to needy students and reading camps with weekly sessions are conducted to improve functional literacy. Community awareness workshops on the importance of education are conducted, focusing especially on education for girls.



Children are able to attend school with chairs and desks to write on.

**CHALLENGE** Lack of access to clean water, which contributes to low levels of healthcare and hygiene



**INITIATIVE** Increase access to clean water and levels of healthcare and sanitation

To bring clean water to more children, World Vision is constructing wells near households in the community. This lowers the incidence of water-borne illnesses and reduces the time taken to fetch water so children have more time for education. Springs are also capped, protecting water sources from contamination. To increase access to essential health services, health posts were constructed and furnished, and health workers are trained on natal care and as well as epidemic diseases response. Vaccination campaigns are also conducted with initiatives to reduce new cases of HIV/AIDS.



More people can access clean water from wells and pumps built by World Vision.

Through all these interventions, World Vision is transforming the lives of children in Yaya Gulele, making a change today as well as giving them hope for the future!

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

**Sponsor a child** or give towards a **Gift Catalogue item**, which benefits the community!

Thank you for your heart for the poor, and for making a difference in the lives of children and families in Ethiopia.

**Because of our community-focused solutions, for every child you help, four more benefit too!**